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The proposed designs for the Macdonald Bridge bikeway. CONTRIBUTED

City plans bikeway changes

INFRASTRUCTURE

A new ramp off the Macdonald Bridge is one of the ideas



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The municipality held three meetings this week to gather feedback on changes to the Macdonald Bridge bikeway and the surrounding network, but legislative hurdles could hold back parts of the project. The high-

profile part is the ramp off the Macdonald Bridge on the Halifax side. Before the Big Lift project shuttered the bikeway, cyclists had no choice but to ride down the ramp to Barrington Street. If they wanted to go up North Street afterwards, that meant doubling back up the steep hill — and vice versa for those getting onto the bridge from North Street.

The aim of the proposed new ramp is to make that easier by creating a bridge over the street for bicycles. There are two options for that: one that would spit cyclists out at the gates at Lorne Terrace, and another that would spit them out much further up North Street. Rough cost estimates for

those two options range from \$2 million to \$2.7 million, but that doesn't cover the myriad of other work to be done on either side of the harbour.

"We see improving access to the Macdonald Bridge bikeway as the heart of the regional centre bikeway network, and we realize that even if we improve the access at the bridge heads, bicyclists are still going to have to navigate some really busy intersections," HRM Active Transportation Supervisor David MacIsaac said Thursday at the second of three public meetings about the project.

MacIsaac and his team are planning improvements at the intersections of North and Got-

tingen Streets on the Halifax side, and Wyse Road and Nantucket Avenue on the Dartmouth side, along with some others.

Part of the plan at those intersections is to use "cross rides" crosswalks where cyclists can ride across - and stop signals for cyclists. But neither is currently allowed under the province's Motor Vehicle Act.

"These are the sorts of things we're starting to see in Ontario, starting to see in British Columbia, and right now in Nova Scotia, we're not able to put those in place because they're not covered in the Motor Vehicle Act," Mac-Isaac said."The Motor Vehicle Act is definitely out-dated, there's no

UPCOMING REPORT

David MacIsaac and his team are compiling public feedback on the proposed changes, and preparing a report to head to council early in the New Year.

The changes, however, would be implemented piece by piece over the next several years, with no concrete end date in sight.

"It's not gonna happen next year, but if we get some solid direction from council early in 2017, that'll be our marching orders for a multi-year implementation," MacIsaac

question about that," Halifax Cycling Coalition executive director Kelsey Lane said at the meeting.

"The province is really going to have to step up and mitigate that immediately in order to have that seen through."

The municipality has asked the province to make the necessary changes, and both MacIsaac and Lane are hopeful they'll be approved.

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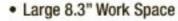
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Protest to oppose 'warmongers'

SECURITY FORUM

Group hopes Trump angst will bring out large crowd



A local protester is hoping recent events south of the border help drum up some opposition to this weekend's Halifax International Security Forum.

"This security forum is bringing 300 warmongers and their apologists to our city for three days of confabbing and talking about issues of their concern, and meeting in the hallways, and we



We consider it hatching plots against the world's people.

Allan Bezanson on the security forum consider it hatching plots against the world's people," Allan Bezanson with the group No Harbour for War said in an interview.

The "warmongers" Bezanson refers to are delegates from all over the world including Canadian Minister of National Defence Harjit Sajjan, UK Secretary of State for Defence Jean-Yves Le Dria, and a bi-partisan delegation from both the United States House and Senate that includes Republican Senator John McCain and Democratic Senator — and 2016 vice presidential candidate — Tim Kaine.

"They're here assembled in our city for three days and we want to oppose them," Bezanson said.

"We're just gonna shake our fist at them."

As they have every year since the inaugural forum in 2009, No Harbour for War and other groups will meet in what they call the Halifax Peace & Freedom Park (what the municipality calls Cornwallis Park) for speeches and a peaceful protest.

"I encourage your readers to come out, hear the speeches, give their views, and see what we can do in building the anti-



Police officers watch protesters outside the Halifax International Security Forum in 2009. CANADIAN PRESS FILE

war movement here in Halifax," Bezanson said.

He's hoping that the election of Donald Trump — which is expected to be a hot topic inside the forum — will bring out more than the usual crowd to the protest.

Asked if they'll be dedicating extra resources to the forum this weekend given the political climate, Halifax police spokesperson Const. Phil Power told Metro they're not doing anything at all. The forum has its own security, and RCMP officers protect the delegates.

And they're not planning to make an appearance at the protest.

"That would all depend on

numbers present, and if we got any information that there was gonna be large numbers, then our public safety unit would be called, but at this time it's not planned that they will be attending," Power said.



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Tickets to see **Gord Downie in** Halifax sold out in 15 minutes



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Shaking with emotion, Ryley Peterson said he felt like he was going to throw up by the time he made it to the ticket window at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium Thursday.

But waiting in line for more than five hours paid off for Peterson who was one of the lucky fans who scored tickets to Gord



I'm expecting (the concert) to be emotional and cathartic and important.

Bernice Dooley



Above, Ryley Peterson beams with his tickets to the Secret Path show. On right, fans wait in line at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium Thursday. ALL PHOTOS JEN TAPLIN/METRO

Downie's Secret Path concert on Nov. 29.

It took about 15 minutes for the concert to sell out. About the 20th person in line scored the last tickets, leaving hundreds of people disappointed and grumbling about the web site not working properly.

ON SELECT MODELS

"I'm going to cry," Peterson said. "I've been a Hip fan since I was a kid and my grandma and grandpa were playing it in the background while playing board games. That's the biggest memory I've had of my grandparents, you know?"

He's wanted to see the Tragic-

ally Hip several times but the concerts always sold out.

"This is pretty much the last opportunity to see a piece of history unfolding," he said.

For several fans the album, inspired by the story of a child who died fleeing a residential school in 1966, is just as deeply



meaningful as seeing Downie

"The things that happened to those children in those schools is terrible and everyone needs to know about that," Peterson said.

Starting her vigil at 5:10 a.m., Bernice Dooley was one of the first in line. She said she's never waited in line for concert tickets before.

"I care about the cause, I care about our indigenous families," she said.

Cassandra Birch was within sight of the ticket window when

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the concert sold out. With her five-week-old baby, Birch had waited hours in hopes of get-

"I'm a huge Hip and Gord Downie fan," she said. "But this project is especially meaningful and important."

For Birch and many others it was deflating to wait and hope just to come away empty handed.

"It kind of sucks. There were less than 50 people in front of me," she said. "We were pretty sure we had it."

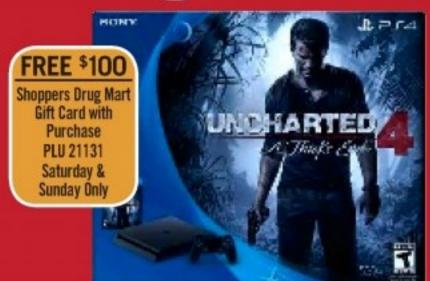






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Fire nearly destroys fish plant

EASTERN PASSAGE

Lobster council: 'It'll be tough for a lot of fishermen'

A Halifax Harbour fish processing plant has largely burned to the ground, just days before the opening of one of the region's key lobster fisheries.

"It'll be tough for a lot of fishermen who land their lobster there." Geoff Irvine, executive director of the Lobster Council of Canada, said Thursday.

The Wednesday night blaze, which consumed the Capital Seafood plant in Eastern Passage, was so large firefighters were initially unable to enter the plant to battle the flames.

Capital Seafood's website says it does between \$10 million and \$50 million in sales a year, exporting seafood to Asia, Europe, the U.K. and the United States, and employs up to 50 people. Many fishermen were storing

bait there and had planned to sell their product to the plant once the lobster fishery opens in southwest Nova, Irvine said.

"They'll have to find other



Atlantic Canada Exports says Capital Seafood produces crab, halibut, lobster, shrimp, swordfish and bluefin tuna, with markets in Asia, Germany, Europe, the States, the U.K. and Canada.

places to sell their lobster, which is not great 10 days before the season," Irvine said. "It's tragic for that plant, but in the big picture it will just go somewhere else."

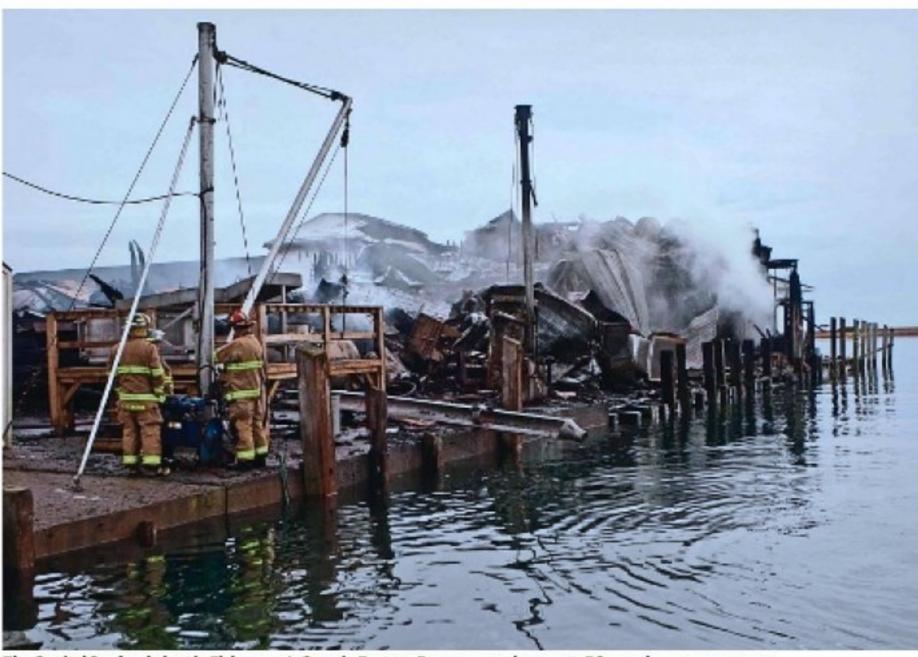
Fire officials were notified at about 9:20 p.m. Wednesday that flames could be seen coming from a large structure at the Fisherman's Cove plant, on the harbour's southeast edge.

Brad Connors, a division commander with the Halifax regional fire department, said firefighters initially had to stay outside the plant and douse it with water because of the size of the fire, which quickly spread to the attic and breached the roof. He estimated the building was about 15 metres by 38 metres and contained fish processing equipment.

"When crews arrived there was a lot of fire and smoke on the harbour side and flames were out through roof," he said Thursday from the scene. "With the conditions and the fire load in the building, it grew to be quite an extensive fire."

Connors said crews would remain on site to put out hotspots and use heavy equipment to remove pieces of the building so they can get closer to areas that are still burning. It wasn't yet clear what caused the blaze, but investigators were due on scene. Deputy Chief Roy Hollett said one section of the building had collapsed on itself, while the other remained upright. He said fighting the fire was challenging because part of the building was on a wooden wharf and may collapse.

Hollett said the coast guard had been asked to install a boom to contain any debris that goes into the water.



The Capital Seafood plant in Fisherman's Cove in Eastern Passage employs up to 50 people. JEFF HARPER/METRO

"It's on the edge of a wharf, so we don't want anyone or building debris falling into the water," he said.

Connors, who was at the fire through the night with about 30 firefighters, said no one was at the building at the time of the fire. No one from the company was available for comment. THE CANADIAN PRESS



The blaze was so large firefighters were initially unable to enter the plant. JEFF HARPER/METRO



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Step into an Oz you might not have known before as the classic musical The Wiz, presented by Las Vegas' Broadway in the Hood, lands this Sunday at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium. The musical follows the 1978 story of a Harlem schoolteacher, Dorothy, who's whisked away to an urban fantasy land called Oz, and features local talent from Halifax, Dartmouth and Preston plus songs like Brand New Day, Home, and Ease On Down the Road. The show is at 7 p.m., and tickets range from \$36 to \$42 are available at the theatre box office or dal.ca/ dept/arts-centre.





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Making a Video Difference

Film fans are invited to join the Halifax Public Libraries and Dalhousie University to celebrate the launch of the full circulation of the Video Difference Legacy Collection this weekend. On Friday, doors to the Central Library open at 7 p.m. for people to browse more than 1,400 titles before an 8 p.m. screening of Steven Soderbergh's King of the Hill. A daytime screening of Alfred Hitchcock's The 39 Steps is at 2 p.m. at the Woodlawn Public Library, and people can come at 1 p.m. to browse Dalhousie's 400 titles.



Piano men

Head to the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium this weekend to see Symphony Nova Scotia play Your Song in The Piano Men: A Tribute to Billy Joel and Elton John. The symphony teams up with singer/pianist Jim Witter and his four-piece band for a multimedia homage to the music that defined the 1970s. The three shows are on Friday at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday at 2 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$40 and are available at the Rebecca Cohn box office, or online at symphonynovascotia.ca.



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Cherish Husbands has written a letter in the wake of Terry Izzard's homicide earlier this week. PHOTOS: JEFF HARPER/METRO

Coming together for a 'good guy'

HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION

Friend's letter to Halifax tells of community role model



Terry Izzard, the latest victim of gun violence in Halifax, was a quiet, warm and welcoming man who loved company and helped the elderly cross the street.

Cherish Husbands said that's why she penned a letter she hopes will help give Izzard a voice.

She's calling on the entire community to come together to end the gun violence that has taken the lives of seven black men so far this year.

Izzard's death on his Cragg Avenue doorstep Monday night was the municipality's 11th confirmed homicide.

"I shed real tears when I found out it was Terry Izzard, not just because he's another brother fallen to gun violence but because he was an innocent bystander," Husbands said in an interview with Metro on Thursday.

"I think that he would want that (voice) for the generations coming up in his community. He was just a good guy and I think that he deserves a voice at this time."

Husbands said Izzard, 58, welcomed her into the com-



Police were on scene on Cragg Avenue earlier this week.

munity when she lived there. She believes his warmth was a reflection of how neighbours should behave.

Although she now lives in Sackville, Husbands said her roots in the north end run deep. She still has connections there, and her great grandfather B. A. Husbands was a pillar of the community often referred to as "the black Santa Claus."

"He took great pride in helping the children and sisters and brothers of that community. I grew up there (Uniacke Square) until I was 5 and was recently back in the community the last six or seven years," she said.

"It's just heartbreaking to know that one of our brothers and a good guy is gone. It's scary."

Husbands said when she told her friends living in the neighbourhood where Izzard was shot and killed that she wanted to talk publicly about him and gun violence, some didn't think she would or could.

"But I thought that it was imperative because it was Terry

Izzard, because he was an innocent bystander," she said.

"He was home. We could have been there. Any one of us could have been there and there would have been more casualties than

Husbands said the face of the neighbourhood is changing through redevelopment, but residents from Robert Street to Brunswick Street in particular need to become more vested in each other's lives.

"Become a part of the com-

munity and know that these are your neighbours literally outside your curtain window," she said. "You probably saw Terry walking down the street yourself. That's how close it is."

In her letter, she called on local organizations, entrepreneurs and others to create opportunities for the community's young men.

Husbands said while police say the community needs to come forward to share information, she believes people would be more open with police if interactions weren't "primarily limited" to crime scenes.

She said people are disheartened and things need to change

"The residents of the north end need to open their curtains because literally they can see outside their window the people that are getting murdered," Husbands said.

"And it's not okay for nobody to say anything or help."

EXCERPTS FROM THE LETTER

- "Terry gave a ready hello to everyone that came through the neighborhood, and bothered no one."
- "The new condos and health food restaurants aren't going to take away from the turmoil that plagues your community."
- Our front door is

supposed to be a place of sacred safe space."

"I say for your community, for Terry Izzard, who many are grieving for, stand up, open up your curtains, take off the rose colored glasses and step up. Instead of moving into the vintage area, become the area." YVETTE D'ENTREMONT/METRO



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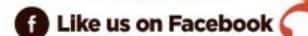
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Minister eager for resolution with deadline looming large

A last-ditch effort will be made to avoid a potential teachers' strike in Nova Scotia, after both sides agreed to conciliation in the simmering contract dispute.

Education Minister Karen Casey and the Nova Scotia Teachers Union announced Thursday they would meet with a conciliator ahead of the Dec. 3 deadline for possible job action.

The move followed failed attempts in recent weeks to convene a conciliation board and to take the dispute to mediation.

"We are willing and ready (to talk) and have said that all along," said Casey.

The renewed attempt to reach out also follows comments made by Casey in early October when

she said that negotiations had "run their course."

Casey said she made those comments after the union membership had twice rejected a contract offer that the union executive had recommended, and that the government has always been open to further discussions.

"That whole process had come to an impasse," she said. "We need to get a resolution here and we need to protect the students in our classroom and this (conciliation) could be an opportunity for that to happen."

Nova Scotia Teachers Union president Liette Doucet said she was surprised by the invitation to talk from a government that had shown little interest in the union's requests for more negotiations. Doucet said for the conciliation to make a difference. "everything" would have to be on the table.

"We have to be able to go into a fair process ... we do not want conditions," Doucet said.

She said the conciliation pro-



Nova Scotia Teachers Union president Liette Doucet. ZANE WOODFORD/METRO

cess would not affect the union's impending job action, although no final decision has been made on what action it might take.

Doucet said the union's executive would meet Friday to discuss

options and that information on next steps could be released early next week.

There was no word Thursday on when the sides would begin conciliation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Baby assault case left police in tears



The case of an 18-year-old father charged with assaulting his five-week old baby earlier this month brought a Halifax police officer to tears.

Halifax Regional Police said Thursday they received a call to come to the IWK Health Centre on Nov. 2 in relation to the case.

Const. Phil Power, police spokesman, said doctors suspected child abuse and called in police. Power said the baby suffered 'multiple injuries,' but couldn't disclose any more details.

However, Power said the child is expected to make a full recovery.

"I'm not going to lie, I'm a full grown man, in martial arts and a police officer, and I cried this morning when I read it," Power said.

Although the baby was brought into the hospital on Nov. 2, Power said it took police until this week to gather enough evidence that could



At five weeks old there's no malice in the world in that baby, so to have it injured is obviously a very sad state for everyone.

Const. Phil Power

lead to charges.

The father, confirmed to be an 18-year-old man, appeared in Dartmouth provincial court on Thursday charged with aggravated assault and criminal negligence causing bodily

"His name is being withheld as there is a publication ban in effect that stipulates no information can be released that could potentially identify the child in this matter," a police release stated.

The baby who was hospitalized in the incident is also in "good care" now, Power con-



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Accused Brent Hawkes calmly takes stand in own defence

Prominent Toronto pastor Brent Hawkes appeared calm on the witness stand Thursday as he categorically denied that he performed sex acts on a teenage boy at his trailer in Nova Scotia in the mid-1970s.

"It's not true. It did not happen," Hawkes said in a hushed voice, shaking his head in the Kentville courtroom.

On Tuesday, a man testified that Hawkes led him down a hallway during a drunken gettogether at his trailer in Greenwood, and forced oral sex on him in a bedroom.

Hawkes, then a teacher in his mid-20s in the Annapolis Valley, said Thursday it wasn't unusual for students and teachers to stop by his trailer, especially around that time, as they wanted to say goodbye before he moved to Toronto to work with a church.

"I think it would be accurate



Toronto pastor Brent Hawkes arrives at provincial court in Kentville, N.S. on Nov. 14. Hawkes is on trial for allegedly performing sexual acts on a teenage boy in the mid-1970s. THE CANADIAN PRESS

to say I was a pretty popular teacher," said Hawkes, wearing glasses and a black suit.

Hawkes said he remembered the complainant and two other students - two Crown witnesses who testified earlier this week arriving at his trailer with a bottle of "moonshine cider."

"They offered me a drink and I took a drink, and it was God awful and I half spit it out ... and everybody laughed," said Hawkes, adding the moonshine incident was all that stood out for him.

He denied serving students alcohol on the day in question, and said there was no sexual activity at his trailer. The highprofile rights activist has pleaded not guilty to indecent assault and

gross indecency.

Crown lawyer Bob Morrison questioned the accuracy of Hawkes' memory, noting he testified that he taught Grade 10 math during his first year of teaching. But a school document showed Hawkes in fact taught Grade 11 math during his first year. Hawkes said the document could be more accurate than his

MONDAY

The judge-alone trial continues Monday. The defence is expected to call an expert witness.

memory.

Earlier Thursday, defence lawyer Clayton Ruby suggested the complainant reconstructed some memories surrounding the alleged sex offences, rather than recalling true memories.

Ruby also noted the complainant had said at one point that he was unable to move during the alleged offences.

The complainant said he's been asking himself for 40 years why he didn't do anything to stop what was happening to him.

"There's another explanation, too, as to why you could do nothing ... It's because nothing happened. Had you thought of that?" said Ruby.

The complainant shook his head, breathed heavily and said, "No, sir. I wouldn't be here if nothing happened. I would not subject myself to this onerous **Drocess."** THE CANADIAN PRESS

Police release October statistics

IMPAIRED DRIVING

Last month, 74 people were charged with impaired driving offences in the Halifax area.

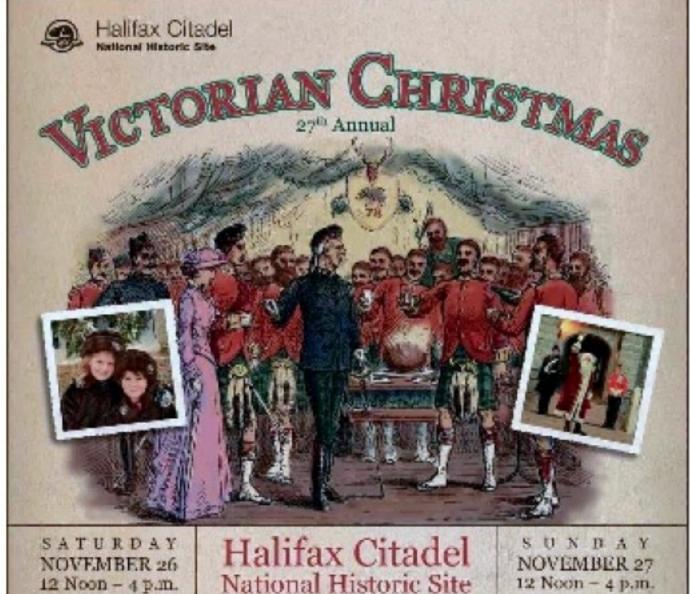
Halifax District RCMP and Halifax Regional Police on Thursday released their impaired driving statistics for the month of October.

Police said of the 74 drivers, 58 were charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle by alcohol, two were charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle by drug and 14 were issued driving suspensions for operating a motor vehicle while having consumed alcohol.

Of the 58 impaired drivers apprehended, 45 were male and 13 were female. Their ages ranged from 18 to 69.

Of the 14 drivers suspended, 11 were male and three were female. Their ages ranged from 21 to 63. Throughout the month, police received 32 calls from the public through 911 about suspected impaired drivers.

Of all impaired drivers charged, 22 were a direct result of calls from the public. METRO



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This horrifying crash that sent three drivers to hospital and injured three horses occurred at North Sydney's Northside Downs last Saturday. Two of the three drivers remain hospitalized. TO MEDIA



Track crash shocks community

Harness racing mishap leaves many shaken, drivers injured

Nova Scotia's horse racing community is still in shock following a horrifying crash that injured three drivers and three horses during a race last Saturday at Northside Downs in North Sydney.

Track treasurer Harold Le-Blanc said the incident has stunned people involved in the

close-knit local harness racing scene. However, he said, there is a sense of relief in that, while the drivers suffered serious injuries, it could have been worse.

"When you look at the video you know it could have been worse, but they all seem to be on the mend," said LeBlanc.

"They're saying they can't wait for springtime to come so they can start racing again - the guys are upbeat and the horses all seem to have come out of it OK, although one is a little scraped up."

The crash happened in the fourth race of the last card of the season. Track video feeds

show that Danny Campbell's horse, I Am Able, stumbled as it moved up on the leaders and that the sulky, the two-wheeled cart where the driver sits, was hit by another horse charging from behind. The chain reaction also caused a third horse and driver team to crash.

Lingan's Danny Campbell was sent to hospital with a fractured hip, broken ribs and broken collarbone, while John Willy Beaton, of Coxheath, was taken to Halifax with broken ribs and suspected broken vertebrae in his back. The third driver, Roddy Hurley, of New Waterford, suffered a concussion to go along with a few bumps and bruises.

Campbell's wife, Betty, said she has no doubt her husband will be back at it as soon as he can.

"He's pretty beaten up, he has three fractures in his hip, so he finds it hard to get out of bed and get mobile," she said. "But, he's very tough and he's get through this."

In the meantime, their horse is under the care of local veterinarian Dr. Ruth Parker. The other horses that were involved in the accident were the Beaton-driven Fleetwood Cam and Shiny Mach, driven by Hurley. - FUNDRAISER

Track wants to raise money to injured drivers

Harold LeBlanc said the horse racing community will look at organizing a fundraiser for the injured drivers.

Campbell's recovery is expected to take at least six weeks. Beaton remains in hospital, while Hurley, who suffered concussion, has been released and is now resting at home.

Cricket farmer hops on trend

Hants County has farms of all kinds: dairy, produce, orchards,

But in the heart of Windsor is a different kind of farm. The product is small and noisy but quite plentiful.

Joy Hillier, president of the Midgard Insect Farm in Windsor produces crickets.

They started operations in May 2016 and are already expanding, thanks, in part, to a major investment from Dane Creek Capital Corp., an Ontario-based investment firm.

Midgard grows and harvests thousands of crickets, which will be used as protein in pet products owned by DCCC.

Hillier said major expansions are already underway, with a goal of harvesting four million crickets every six weeks.

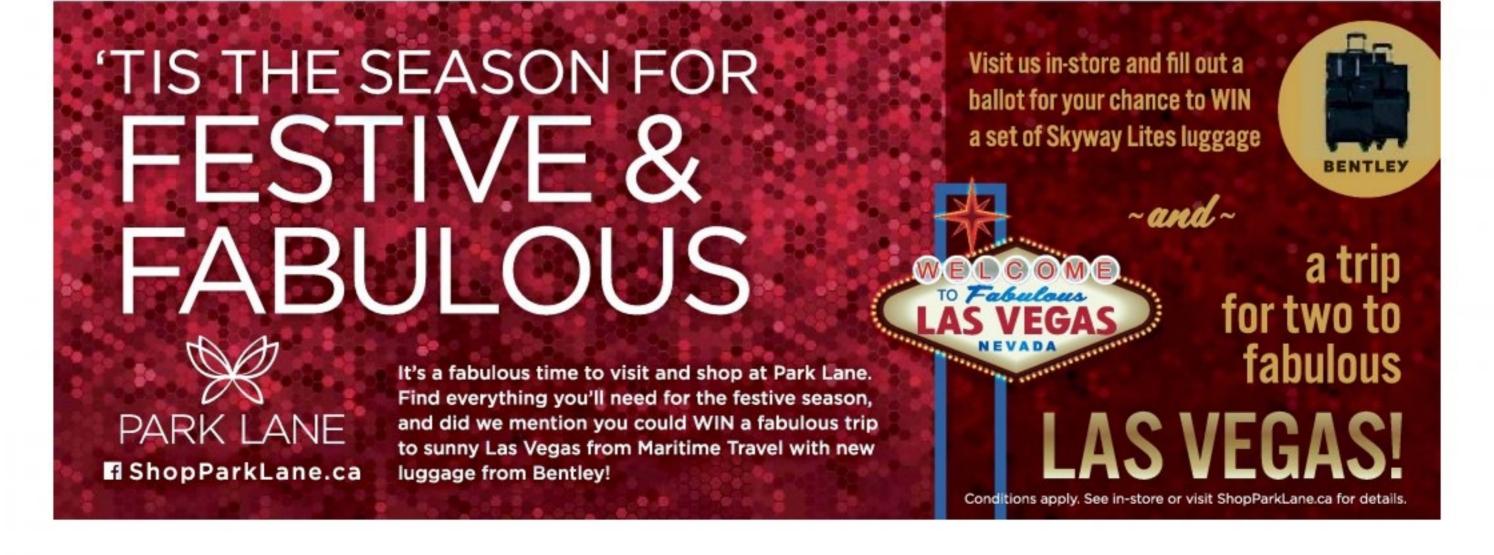
Hillier got the idea to start a cricket farm following a TED Talk by Marcel Dicke, a specialist in insects.

"He made the case for how insects were going to be the next big sustainable protein source," she said.

"I did some research and realized that this is doable."

The crickets are relatively easy to care for; they require heat, a specific humidity level, food and water.

"They are pretty simple creatures, but of course growing them on a massive scale is way different than growing them on a smaller scale," she said.





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Legal brief went too far, premier says

Premier Stephen McNeil distanced himself Thursday from a government legal brief that implied members of a First Nation band are a conquered

The brief was presented as part of the government's case in an appeal of its approval of a plan by Alton Gas to store natural gas in salt caverns near the Shubenacadie River.

In the appeal hearing that wrapped up Tuesday before the Nova Scotia Supreme Court, the Indian Brook band argued that the province had a duty to consult with it on the project.

The government brief said the Crown's obligation to consult extended only to "unconquered people," and that the band's submission to

the Crown in 1760 negated its claim of sovereignty and negated government's constitutional duty to consult.

McNeil, who is also minister of aboriginal affairs, said the government's intent was to show in court that it did consult with the band.

"I believe that brief went way beyond where it needed to go," said McNeil.

The proposed project would create two massive natural gas storage caverns near Stewiacke by using large amounts of river water to flush out the salt.

The province granted approval in January and subsequently dismissed appeals from six groups including the Indian Brook band.

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Charges laid in gas station robbery

Police have laid charges following a gas station robbery in Dartmouth.

Halifax Regional Police responded to the robbery call at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday. Staff at the Petro Canada, 240 Victoria Rd., said a woman entered the store, produced a knife and demanded cash.

After getting an undisclosed sum of cash, the suspect fled on foot. The employee was uninjured.

Police arrested a person of interest Wednesday at about 10 a.m.

Kristine Marcia Morin, 24,

of Dartmouth was remanded on charges of robbery, possession of a weapon and assault with a weapon.

During the course of the investigation, police executed a search warrant yesterday at a residence in the 100 block of Pinecrest Drive in Dartmouth and located an unsecured fire-

A 17-year-old male youth from Dartmouth is charged with various weapons offenses and breaching his conditions. He is scheduled to appear in Halifax provincial youth court Thursday, METRO

Province pulls health coverage for Cramman

Mother of four is facing deportation to Britain

A woman who grew up in Canada but is facing deportation to Britain won't be provided health coverage by the Nova Scotia government, a development advocates say could make it harder to win her release from custody.

Fliss Cramman, a 33-year-old mother of four, arrived in Canada when she was eight years old - but her parents failed to obtain her citizenship.

In 2014, she was convicted of offering to traffic heroin, sentenced to 27 months in prison and detained again when the Canada Border Services Agency looked into her citizenship.

Darlene MacEachern of the Elizabeth Fry Society said Thursday the provincial Health Department confirmed it wouldn't provide health coverage because Cramman is not a Canadian citizen.

"One of the major concerns was that Fliss couldn't be released without health care," said MacEachern.

Earlier in the day, provincial Health Minister Leo Glavine said correspondence had been sent to the society, but he refused discuss the province's response.

MacEachern said a plan to provide private health-care funding would be presented during a



Fliss Cramman is recovering in a Dartmouth hospital from a series of surgeries. THE CANADIAN PRESS

DEADLINE

Fliss Cramman could be deported as early as Dec. 16, federal officials say.

hearing at the Dartmouth General Hospital on Friday. She said fundraising is already underway.

"This would have been so simplified if (provincial health care) had been reinstated," MacEachern said. "We could have just gone forward and said that part of the risk is covered and now we just have to do a whole lot more work."

A Canadian Border Services Agency doctor has deemed Cramman fit to travel with a nurse by that date, despite her surgeon's warning that she is in fragile health and needs to remain in the country for about 18 months to recover from a series of colon surgeries.

The surgeries were completed after she was rushed to hospital from a prison facility in Dartmouth on Aug. 12.

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Big baby formula booster is busted

Suspect accused of hiring drug addicts, selling goods in Asia



Wanyee Metro Vancouver

One alleged prolific criminal is behind bars after Vancouver police seized about \$100,000 worth of stolen goods - much of it in the form of baby for-

Officers seized about \$50,000 worth of baby formula in early November after receiving a tip that large amounts of the product were disappearing from store shelves.

Police allege the mastermind behind the operation was hiring drug addicts to steal product for him. The suspect would then sell the product for triple the price in Asia, where demand for Canadian baby formula is high, according to Detective Const. Doug Fell with Vancouver Police Department's antifencing unit.

Fencing is the act of buying and selling stolen goods.

"What happens here is the mobile fence uses a predatory method," he said Wednesday. "This individual would provide (drug addicts) money to get their drug fix, and then they would go and boost for him."

Police believe the suspect has been operating in Vancouver for about a year, hiring 10 to 20 people a day and gathering over \$200,000 worth of stolen product in total. That's worth about 70 per cent of all stolen baby formula in the region,



Vancouver Police Department spokesman Const. Jason Doucette walks past stacks of seized baby formula. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Officers followed him and saw thieves bring him up to 24 units of baby formula at a time. The suspect stored the stolen goods at a Strathcona residence, according to Fell.

He called the operation, "predatory fencing," because it preyed on society's most vulnerable to do the dirty work.

The suspect, who has no criminal history, will face trafficking and counselling-to-commit-offences charges, he said. Other charges are being considered for two other individuals involved in the operation.



The mobile fence uses a predatory method.

Const. Doug Fell

This is one of the biggest stashes of stolen retail goods Vancouver police have ever seized and authorities hope this sends a strong message to criminals that this kind of operation is no longer feasible.

"They are not under the radar anymore. We hope there will be a significant drop because we feel this individual had capitalized on a unique market," said Fell.

Retailers will dispose of all \$50,000 worth of seized baby formula because there is no guarantee the product has not been tampered with or was stored in appropriate conditions, said Tony Hunt, London Drug's general manager of loss

It's a problem that retailers have to deal with on a daily basis, with about 1.5 per cent worth of sales lost due to theft every year, he said.

'Trump-style politics' pushes Tory to NDP

A one-time candidate for the Alberta Progressive Conservative leadership has crossed the floor to the governing NDP.

Sandra Jansen, a Calgary member of the legislature, quit the Tory race last week over personal and online attacks she said had become intolerable.

She said the abuse peaked at the Tory policy convention when her nomination forms were vandalized and supporters of another candidate harassed her in the hallways.

She also accused leadership candidate Jason Kenney of bringing "Trump-style politics" to Alberta.

Jansen, a two-term MLA, had openly indicated she was mulling whether to leave the Tory caucus and party.

Premier Rachel Notley says



Sandra Jansen THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jansen has always been a voice for moderate and progressive

Donna Kennedy-Glans, a former PC legislature member who had also been vying for the top Tory job, also quit the race over concerns the party is moving too far right on social issues.

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Canada's first movie cinema burns down

Fire gutted a 19th-century building in Montreal's Chinatown district on Thursday that once housed Canada's first cinema.

More than 120 firefighters battled flames leaping out of the historic Robillard building, a heritage property that was constructed around 1885.

No injuries were reported and the exact cause of the blaze was not immediately known.

Authorities first received reports of the fire just after 11 a.m. and by early in the afternoon, half the four-storey building had collapsed, said Yvon Daunais, head of operations for the city's fire department.

According to city-run historical centre, the Robillard building was a 300-seat variety and vaudeville venue called the



Firefighters battle a blaze at the Robillard building in Montreal on Thursday.

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Just your average Canadian

The gray jay is the choice for national bird. Here's why...



Haley Ritchie Metro Ottawa

It didn't win the popular vote - coming third behind the common loon and the snowy owl - but the Royal Canadian Geographic Society has plucked an underdog to be the national bird of Canada.

The gray jay, also known as the whiskey jack, has been announced as the winner of a two-year search for a national bird.

The decision is not official but the society is suggesting the government should name the gray jay as the official bird of Canada.

Smart, hardy and friendly - the Royal Canadian Geographic Society says its choice for Canada's national bird epitomizes the best of the country's national traits.

WARRANTY



Gray jays depend heavily on their food caches to get them through the winter, TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Unlike the snowy owl and the common loon, the jay stays in Canada all winter long. It is a hardy little creature - having been observed in its nest at -30 C.

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Also like Canadians, it's a friendly sort. The little bird isn't shy, known to eat nuts and seeds straight from people's hands.

In First Nations lore, the

"wisakedjak" is a trickster: and a helper, warning people : of predators in the woods and : even leading lost travellers: home by calling from tree : to tree.

The choice is for the birds!

When news broke Wednesday that Canadian Geographic had picked the gray jay, also called the whisky jack, as its nomination for this country's official national bird, it touched off a cacophony of tweets - both for and against — at #CanadaBird.

A great many people asked why more seemingly-iconic birds didn't make the cut, birds like the common loon, the snowy owl or the conveniently-named Canada goose.

"What??!! Really?? Not the mighty loon??" wrote Kelda Larsen on Twitter. "Nothing wrong with gray jays, don't get me wrong but...#CanadaBird"

"Wrong choice @CanGeo Canada already has a national bird - the Canada Geese (sic). If you want to change it go with the Cardinal," wrote a user named @ Danno.

But in the opnion of Dan Strickland, Algonquin's retired chief park naturalist, the stout little jay couldn't be more Canadian. He would know — he's studied them for 50 years. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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CANADA NEWS

Officer found dead in Jordan

A Canadian military officer has been found dead Thursday in a military gym in Jordan, the Department of National Defence says. Maj. Scott Foote, a logistics officer based out of Kingston, Ont., was pronounced dead after attempts to revive him were unsuccessful. His death has been classified as noncombat related and an investigation is underway. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian military recruiting site links to Chinese page

The federal government was unable to say Thursday whether any personal information was stolen during what appears to have been a hack of a National Defence website. Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said federal officials were investigating after people trying to access the military's recruiting website were instead directed to the Chinese government's main webpage. The site was taken down soon after the problem was discovered. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Understanding U.S. president and his impact will require penetrating thought and persistent focus

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I do not recommend Donald Trump as a conversation topic with your deep-tissue mas-

As a newbie, you might already fear that a deep-tissue massage could somehow dismember you. And DT is not relaxing. Dim lighting and looped waterfall audio are no match for the spectre that is DI's incoming presidency, the engine squeals of which are already sounding overhead, what with the appointment of Steve Bannon as chief strategist and all.

You will be now be hearing, every day, the voice of DT oozing out of your radio or TV or YouTube clip, and that is stressful enough. You don't need to hash it over with the man rubbing the bottoms of your feet.

course, you probably can't help yourself.

All week I've been attempting mental backflips and yogic contortions - efforts to 'make sense" of the new world

That race and gender, economics, nationalism and technological change all played a role is, I think, clear - alto drink, probably because we can't agree on what is water?

Here is my favourite which is to say, least-favourite thing about President-elect DT: Nobody knows what he will do. Nobody knows what he will allow to be done in his name or what he will convince his fellow Republicans to do along with him.

Trump's slate, I think you'll agree, is muddied and decidedly grim.

though their exact measurements remain a mystery. Did Facebook, too, with its propagation of fake news stories? And what role did ignorance i.e., a willingness to believe in pretty much anything that makes you feel better - play? Did education fail, or are more Americans than many realized simply horses unwilling

That is what makes calls to "give Trump a chance" so alluring — and wrong. President Barack Obama is perhaps obliged to say this. DT's supporters must, or what was the point of voting for him? But the rest of us do so at our peril. Obviously, we have to wait and see, the way you would after a loved one's been rushed to

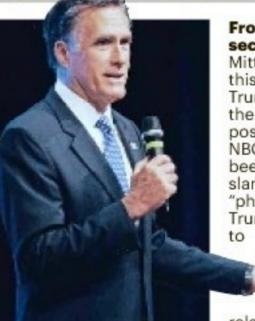
hospital. DT should be taken seriously, I think we can agree.

That is why so many in America have been writing this week about vigilance, warning about "normalization" in the media, worrying about the future of free speech. Perhaps you saw Peter Mansbridge refer euphemistically on Twitter to Trump's "unconventional campaign style." Perhaps you noted the Huffington Post removed an editor's note that called DT racist, reportedly to start his presidency with a "clean slate."

Trump's slate, I think you'll agree, is muddied and decidedly grim. How to bring America together remains a riddle. Writing off all DT voters is simply bad math: They are one in five of all Americans, or twice the population of Canada. It's also the kind of thinking that will only feed the growth of the alternate-universe America, which believed in DT.



A roundup of news about the president-elect



From 'loser' to secretary of state?

Mitt Romney will meet this weekend with Donald Trump to discuss taking the secretary of state position, a source told NBC News. Romney has been a critic of Trump, slamming him as a "phoney" and a "fraud." Trump repeatedly referred Romney as a

> "loser." But the two began repairing their

relationship after Trump's victory, AP

Mending Pences

Vice-President-elect Mike Pence says he's confident Trump's administration can find common ground with Democrats, AP

A new Trumpiculum

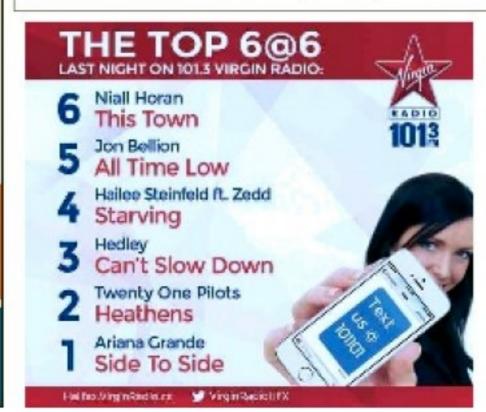
San Francisco's public schools have been offered a classroom lesson plan that calls President-elect Donald Trump a racist, sexist man who became president "by pandering to a huge racist and sexist base." AP

In like Flynn

Trump has offered retired Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn the job of national security adviser, according to a senior Trump official, who wouldn't say whether Flynn has officially accepted the job. AP

Japan willing and Abe-I to work with Trump

Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe says he is convinced that U.S. Donald Trump is a leader in whom he can have great confidence. AP





vivors rescued by a mercan-

tile ship about 30 miles from

Libyan shores reported that

some 135 people died when

their smugglers' boat capsized.

Five bodies were recovered.

migrants, who reported that

more than 120 people had

been on board when they sank

overnight Tuesday. Six bodies

were recovered Tuesday in the

fourth rescue, of 114 people.

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sea means that humanitarian

organizations must rely on the accounts of survivors to tally

the number believed drowned.

as tens of thousands fleeing

war, poverty and persecution

seek to reach safety in Europe

Frontex border agency says

a record 27,500 migrants were

rescued and brought to Italy in

October, the highest monthly

total ever in the central Medi-

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160,000 migrants have ar-

rived in Italy, up 13 per cent

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as in previous months.

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Another ship rescued 23

WORLD NEWS

Dozens killed in fuel-truck

explosion in Mozambique

Mozambican media say 73 people were killed and more than 100 others were wounded in a fuel tanker explosion in the north of the country. Reports Thursday said dozens of charred bodies were scattered around the site and officials believed more might be in surrounding woods. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thai cracking down on insults to royals

Thai authorities cracking down on online insults to the royal family pressed Google and Facebook for help as they shut down 1,300-plus websites last month - more than the previous five years combined.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Inspectors say Harambe's barrier was not effective

A barrier separating Cincinnati Zoo visitors from a gorilla exhibit wasn't in compliance with standards when a three-year-old slipped inside, resulting in the death of the gorilla Harambe. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Migrant deaths hit record

REFUGEE CRISIS

4,500 have died crossing the Mediterranean so far this year

Four Mediterranean Sea shipwrecks in the past 2-1/2 days have caused about 340 migrants to die or go missing, making 2016 the deadliest year on record for asylum seekers risking the dangerous voyage to Europe, a migration organization said Thursday.

The shipwreck casualties brings to over 4,500 the number of migrants who have died or disappeared crossing the Mediterranean so far this year, according to the International Organization for Migration figures. The total compares with the 3,770 people reported dead or missing last year, the previous record.

The organization said Thursday that the death toll is rising as smugglers force departures despite rough, winter seas.

"What is shocking is the cruelty," Flavio Di Giacomo,



Migrants approach the island of Kos, Greece, last year. About 340 migrants have died or gone missing in four Mediterranean Sea shipwrecks over the past two-and-a-half days during the deadliest year on record. ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Italy spokesman for the International Organization for Migration, said. "The traffickers are forcing people to depart despite the prohibitive sea conditions. When they get to the beach, migrants who don't want to go are forced to get on board, even with violence."

Di Giacomo said traffickers care little if the migrants make it alive. "Once you pay, you can't go back," he said.

The count from the recent shipwrecks was based partly on the rescue overnight by

In another incident, 15 sur-

Doctors without Borders of 27 migrants, who reported that more than 130 people had been on board their rubber dinghy when it sank, Di Giacomo said. Seven bodies have been recovered.

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China wants more online control

China's leaders and official media are pushing for greater control of the Internet and technology products as tensions surrounding a far-reaching Chinese cybersecurity law loom over a gathering this week of the world's leading tech firms and Chinese officials.

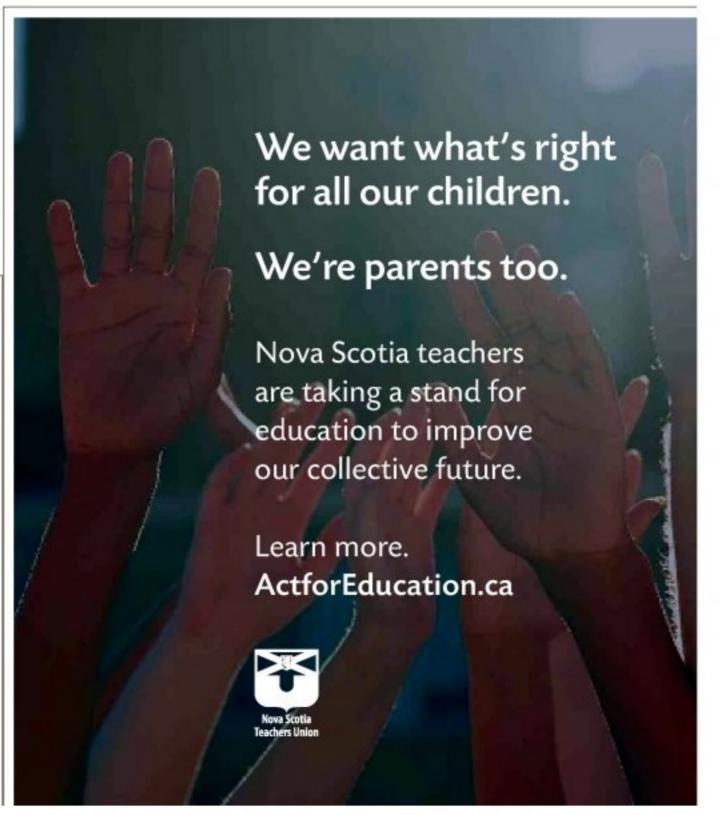
The Communist Party's People's Daily warned in an

editorial Thursday that China must break monopolies over core technologies and standards and remain untethered to other countries' technology supply chains.

The commentary, aimed apparently at Silicon Valley, comes one day after President Xi Jinping called for "more fair and equitable" governance of the internet

at the opening of the state-run World Internet Conference, Since 2014, China has hosted executives from the likes of Microsoft. Apple and Facebook in eastern China to promote its vision of an Internet that is more tightly controlled by governments rather than an unchecked transnational network. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS







GERMANY BARACK AND ANGELA TALK DONALD German Chancellor Angela Merkel and U.S. President Barack Obama talk to media after a meeting in Berlin on Thursday. Obama prodded Donald Trump to take a tougher approach toward Russia, while Merkel, said she was approaching the Trump administration with "an open mind." MARKUS SCHREIBER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Never, ever give up,' Hillary Clinton says

POLITICS

Presidential runner-up goes back to where she began

Hillary Clinton is acknowledging the difficulty of her loss in the presidential race for her supporters and urging them to persevere through the Donald Trump era.

In remarks that were equal parts pep talk and funeral dirge, Clinton encouraged her backers to "never, ever give up."

"I know this isn't easy. I know that over the past week a lot of people have asked themselves whether America is the country we thought it was," Clinton said Wednesday night at the annual gala of the Children's Defence Fund, the child advocacy organization where she started her legal career. "But please listen to me when I say this: America is worth it."

She added: "It's up to each and every one of us to keep work-



Hillary Clinton addresses the Children's Defense Fund in Washington on Wednesday. CLIFF OWEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ing to make America better and stronger and fairer."

Clinton never cited the president-elect by name in her remarks, making only an oblique reference to the controversial policies that fueled his rise to the White House.

Instead, she focused on the future, asking her backers to "stay engaged on every level."

"We need you. America needs your energy," she said. Clinton's surprising loss threw

her party into a period of intense soul-searching, with an ascendant liberal wing blaming Clinton's campaign for failing to embrace a more populist economic message. In private calls with donors and Democratic officials, Clinton has largely attributed her defeat to the decision by the FBI to reexamine her use of a private server as secretary of state.

In her remarks, Clinton offered no accounting for any failures she may have made during her presidential campaign, though she admitted that the past week hasn't been easy.

"There have been a few times this past week when all I wanted to do was just to curl up with a good book or our dogs and never leave the house again," she ruefully admitted.

She chose friendly ground to make her first public appearance since her emotional concession speech in New York City last Wednesday. Her first job out of law school in the 1970s was for Children's Defence Fund founder Marian Wright Edelman.

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Daesh continues onslaught as poor visibility hampers Mosul advance

Cloudy skies neutralized air power in Mosul on Thursday, Iraqi forces said, hampering their advance in the northern city, although they still faced deadly attacks by Daesh militants that killed seven civilians and two soldiers.

and 35 others were wounded when militants fired mortar rounds on government-controlled areas of eastern Mosul, said army medic Bashir Jabar, who is in charge of a field clinic run by the special forces.

A soldier was killed and The civilians were killed three were wounded when

a car packed with explosives sped out from its hiding spot in a school complex in the eastern Tahrir neighbourhood, ramming Iraqi troops' position and exploding into a ball of fire, according to two officers who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief reporters.

Another soldier was shot and killed by a sniper in the Bakir neighbourhood.

Clouds over Iraq's secondlargest city obscured the visibility of drones and warplanes. The troops used the pause to secure areas they had seized,

set up checkpoints and sweep for explosives, said Brig. Gen. Haider Fadhil.

The U.S. coalition providing air cover and reconnaissance for the advancing forces has been a key element in the month-old Mosul offensive, and fighting stalls when the air power cannot be used.

Thursday's attacks came as civilians were fleeing or venturing into the streets to ask for food from troops and aid agencies, Jabar said. Two children were among the civilians killed, he said.

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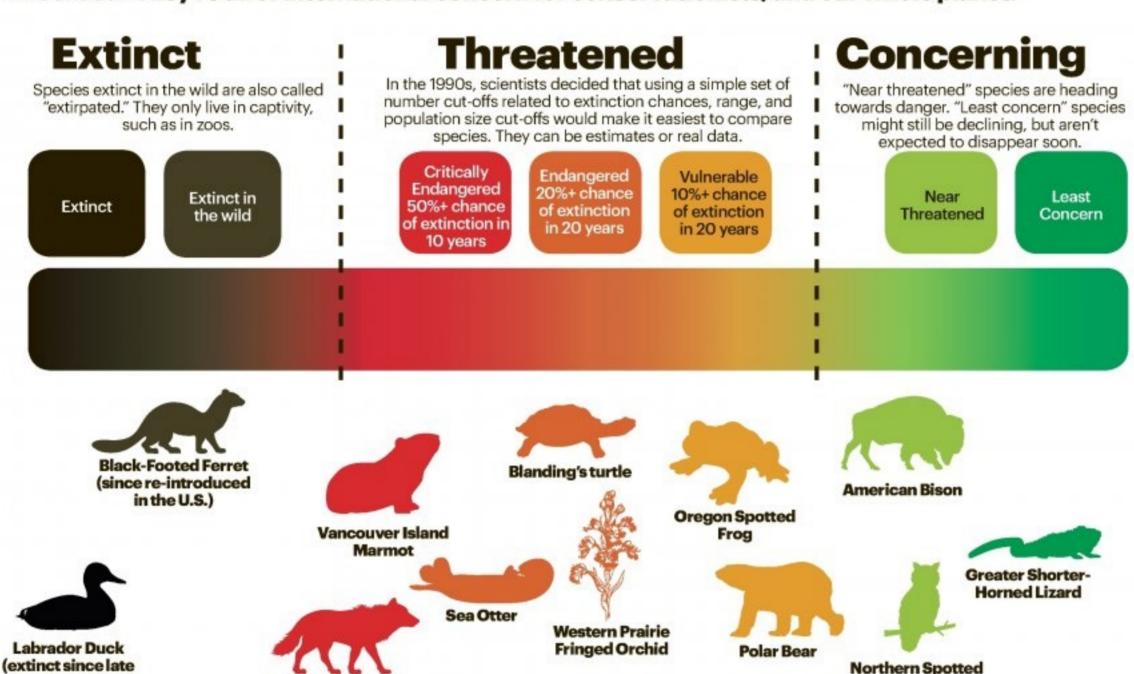
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Insects, especially crickets, are richer in iron even than a sirloin steak, says a new study. Crunchy!

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ANIMALS ARE IN DANGER NEAR YOU

Most people know the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) keeps a "Red List" of endangered and threatened species. But have you ever wondered how an animal, plant, protist or fungi earns the dubious honour? (Microbes are disqualified.) All these species make their home, or once did, in Canada. They're all of international concern for conservationists, and our whole planet.



1800s)

CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

A word of caution to amateur psychologists

Walrus

Do you think we have collective psychological trauma from Trump being elected? - Jordyn, Toronto

The study of collective trauma is a complex, emerging area of research. It looks at the effects of traumatic events (like a refugee crisis or genocide), and historical injustices (like slavery). Studies have shown large-scale trauma can affect the way people see themselves as a group. And collective trauma has been used as a theoretical foundation to help

explain why historically marginalized people continue to be marginalized by economic and health disparities today.

Blue Whale

As far as I can tell, there have never been any studies of collective trauma about something as banal as a regularly scheduled election. But it's true a lot of people are distraught over it. Plus, PTSD has been diagnosed in people traumatized by horror movies, and many would argue that Donald Trump is scarier than Jaws. So I guess it's possible.

"Trauma" is a word that gets

thrown around a lot in ways that don't reflect its technical, medical meaning. So I think this is a good time to talk about pop psychology vs. the academic kind.

Psychology attracts a lot of interest from non-scientists: Everyone likes learning about their own mind. Like in any field, psychological theories and ideas come and go. But certain ones have a way of taking hold in the public consciousness, sometimes until long after they've been discarded by academics.

Malcolm Gladwell's seductive

books are a perfect example: The finding that 10,000 hours of practice is the magic number needed for mastery didn't hold up in subsequent studies.

I know it's annoying, but before you pass on a sexy psychology idea, consider doing a quick Google search with your key words plus "retracted" "replicated" or "disproved." Often it will crush your conversation-starting dreams. But that's for the best.

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J28 AND CALF LOOKING THIN IN A DRONE PHOTO. VANCOUVER AQUARIUM, COASTAL OCEAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE

WHALE OF A PROBLEM

Cetacean lovers are anxious about last month's death of the orca J28, a.k.a. Polaris, and likely her year-old calf as well. One fewer breeding female is a setback for the fragile population of 80 southern resident killer whales off the coast of B.C. What's going wrong? Scientists suspect either contagious disease or a dangerous accumulation of toxins. Examples are PCBs (coolants), PBDEs (flame retardants) and even Cesium-137 that drifted over from the site of the 2011 Fukishima nuclear accident.

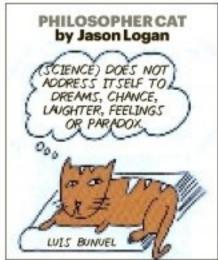


Bioaccumulation

is accumulation of a substance (often toxic) in the body. It happens when a species takes in more of something than it can digest or flush out. It's common in predators at the top of the food chain.

USE IT IN A SENTENCE

Doctors tell pregnant women to avoid predatory fish like shark, swordfish and king mackerel because of the bioaccumulation of mercury.



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MOVIES MUSIC TELEVISION DIGITAL

Rowling's magic touched actors early

Another J.K. Rowling adventure is on screen. It follows Newt Scamander, author of the textbook Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (also the film's name), in New York City in the 1920s, 70 years before Harry studied the text at Hogwarts. I spoke with the cast, asking them how Rowling and the Potter phenomenon touched them personally. RICHARD CROUSE/FOR METRO



Eddie Redmayne is Newt Scamander

"I started watching the films when they came out and for me it was this incredibly warm, wondrous place to go back to every year or two. It felt familiar and new, and I got to see some of my favourite actors doing extraordinary work. It became a con- and commitment when I was in my sistent comfort."



Katherine Waterston is Porpentina Goldstein

Waterson plays a witch and former Auror for the Magical Congress of the United States of America: "I really identified with (Rowling's) passion 20s and was a struggling actor. You think of those people and have them in your mind as a mantra to keep you going. Not that one day you may have their success, but that it is valid to pursue your creative impulses regardless of the outcome."



Ezra Miller is Credence **Barebone**

Miller plays a member of the New Salem Philanthropic Society, an antiwitchcraft group: "I think (Rowling) gave to those of us who partook of her work as young people... natural gifts, a sense of justice and morality, of wonder and of imagination. A lot of us lose these gifts as we grow old and you look around and adults are boring, tired, jaded and disillusioned but I personally feel J.K. Rowling gave us a means by which to portage those inherent gifts of childhood over the wilderness and into our adult lives."



Dan Fogler is Jacob Kowalski

Fogler plays a non-magical factory worker: "I was a fan of Star Wars, the hero cycle, Joseph Campbell, fantasy, Dungeons and Dragons and all that. When I saw the (Potter) movies I thought, these really contain all of that and they also have that amazing coming of age feeling, like you're watching a John Hughes movie. All the incredibly personal stuff, like when they did stuff like the Sorting Hats, struck a chord for me. It reminded me of sleep-away camp when everyone found their own cliques."



Alison Sudolis Queenie Goldstein

Alison Sudol plays a free-spirited witch: "I loved the wizarding world so much, from the get go, from the first page of the first book. I already loved The Chronicles of Narnia and Lewis Carroll, and here was this world where there was an entirely parallel universe going on alongside ours, where all these insanely imaginative things were happening. It felt tangible and possible and real. It was such a beautiful place to inhabit in my imagination."



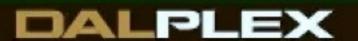
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The Edge of Seventeen is a clever coming-of-age comedy about a social outcast (Hailee Steinfeld) whose temperamental teenage life becomes even more complicated when her best friend begins dating her brother. CONTRIBUTED

Capturing millennial teen angst

EDGE OF SEVENTEEN

Fresh female perspective on the hardships of being a teen

Steve Gow



Kelly Fremon Craig is hoping

to be the voice of the millennial

high-school experience.

After all, her acclaimed debut feature The Edge of Seventeen is a clever coming-of-age comedy about a social outcast (Hailee Steinfeld) whose temperamental teenage life becomes even more complicated when her best friend (newcomer Halee Lu Richardson) begins dating her brother.

"We're our own worst enemy. You don't have to have a movie like Mean Girls where there's a mean girl at school — the mean girl can be in yourself," said Richardson of the film's fresh female perspective — one that shuns the teen genre's boilerplate formula of conquering cliques or seeking sex.

"A lot of that gets beaten away when you have a respect for how complicated the age is," insisted Craig, who spent six months interviewing teens before writing the script. "As soon as you recognize that you can't use a broad brush, you've stepped away from a genre film because you're trying to say something more specific or nuanced than

Enlisting super-producer James L. Brooks was also key to finding the film's au courant tone. After all, the legendary filmmaker behind such Oscarwinning successes as Jerry Maguire and Terms of Endearment (not to mention television hits



We're our own worst enemy. The mean girl can be in yourself. Kelly Fremon Craig

like The Simpsons) definitely advised Craig to avoid conventional trappings.

"We beat genre away with a stick," said Brooks during the Toronto International Film Festival. "It was always our intention to keep it the hell out of what we were doing and it was healthy for us to patrol the borders that way."

In that sense, casting became critical. While every supporting character resonates, it was Steinfeld (whose breakthrough role in True Grit earned her an Oscar nod at just 14 years old) that will surely speak for the adolescent angst of the millennial generation.

"She was somehow able to pull it all off. She's so ridiculously, impossibly funny and then in the next second, she just shatters you she's so heartbreaking and fragile." said Craig, who insists she auditioned 'a thousand girls' before discovering Steinfeld. "If she didn't exist, the movie wouldn't exist."



Neighbourhood is growing fast

Business is booming in Halifax's North End, a flurry of new residential and commercial developments along with popular new businesses have been the order of the day in recent years. The area has suddenly become known as a go-to district for fine dining as new establishments such as Edna, Agricola Street Brasserie, Field Guide and EnVie garner national attention and accolades from local food aficionados.

In fact the North End has been on the rise as a hot business destination for at least the last three or four years according to Patricia Cuttell, executive director of the North End Business Association. There are a number of reasons for that, she says. One is the district's distinctive character - a character that has attracted artists, students and a number of creative businesses to the area. "There's a very unique community identity here. When you drive down Agricola Street or Gottingen Street it doesn't look like any other part of the city."

The unique demographic mixture of young people and older established residents is also appealing to business owners



A flurry of new developments is attracting new residents to the North End. WILL MASON

looking for a good place to set up shop. "It has one of the best demographic mixes in the city," says Cuttell. "It's a vibrant, exciting neighbourhood. If you ask residents what they love most about living in the North End, most often they'll tell you it's the people who are here."

But the affordability of the area exerts the strongest draw according to Cuttell. "There's a lot of affordable commercial space in the North End," she says. "Good commercial locations in neighbourhoods that are very pedestrian-friend. There aren't a lot of walkable districts in the

UNIQUE TREND

One unique trend is that many of the new entrepreneurs moving to the North End are buying the buildings they are locating in, an unusual move in this day and age, says Cuttell. "It shows that they are willing to invest in this community. They're here for the long term."

Cuttell says the growth of North End is actually part of a North America-wide phenomenon; one that is seeing people moving back from the suburbs into the downtown core of major cities. "It's happening in Vancouver, in Toronto and other places around the country as people realize the social benefits to living downtown and being able to walk everywhere."

urban core, but we have them here in the North End." It's a combination that encourages younger entrepreneurs to invest in the district. — WILL MASON

North End a mix of new and old

REVITALIZATION

Development set to reunite area with downtown

Will Mason

More than 40 years after it opened, the city of Halifax is moving forward with a plan to remove the Cogswell Interchange - a massive piece of highway infrastructure next to Scotia Square. The Interchange that never really worked the way its designers had intended, has become and urban white elephant — tying up 16 acres of prime downtown development property and forming a physical and psychological barrier separating the city's North End from the downtown core.

The popular urban development project has attracted the attention of a number of developers. The city is following a development timetable that will take about a decade to complete, with plans to divide the 16 acre parcel of real estate three ways: six acres for roads and traffic flow, four acres for public parks and open spaces, with six acres made available to private developers."

Patricia Cuttell is executive director of the North End Business Association. She says the Cogswell Interchange development is a positive step for the North End; one that will help reestablish the community as a centre for business, shopping and dining in Halifax.

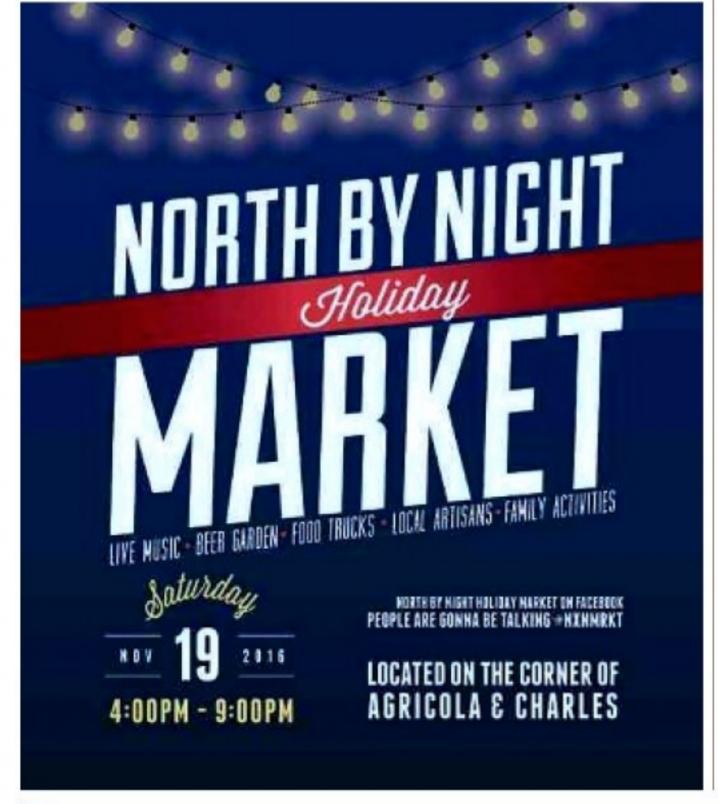


Agricola Street has quickly become one of the hottest streets in town for popular new food establishments. WILL MASON

"It's a project that can really go a long way to reconnecting the North End, but it has to be done properly," says Cuttell. "It has to be done using smart design elements. At the same time it's very important to connect the area around the Halifax Commons with the top part of the North End. If it's done right it will bring a lot of new density to the area and that will be good for business as well." It wasn't long ago that the North End of Halifax was the prime retail district of the city. Photographs from the 1950s show Gottingen Street lined with shops, bright lights and bustling shoppers. That retail glow faded in the 1970s and '80s but it's been coming back in recent years.

Some of the most established businesses in Halifax are still located here. Vogue Men's Wear and Tailoring has been run by the same family since the 1960s. C. Robertson Business Equipment started more than 80 years ago selling typewriters in the same Cunard Street location where it sells computers and other business technology today. C & R Auto Supply Ltd. on Agricola Street is the last independently owned and operated auto parts wholesaler in Halifax.

Recently these businesses were joined by another Halifax stal-wart — The Seahorse Tavern, Halifax's oldest continuously operated tavern, moved to the neighbourhood after decades on Argyle Street. Soon another Argyle Street establishment, the Foggy Goggle will also move to the North End. "These businesses are looking for a sense of community," says Cuttell. "A place where they can operate for the long term."





C&R Auto Supply is the last independent auto parts wholesaler in Halifax. WILL MASON

The staying power of the Hydrostone

After nearly a century the area is still one of Halifax's most unique neighbourhoods

Will Mason

In 1920 Halifax began construction on one of the city's first planned neighbourhoods in an area particularly hard-hit by the 1917 Halifax Explosion. The community, located deep in the North End of the city would soon become known as "The Hydrostone."

The Hydrostone were a model of early 20th century urban renewable. Designed by Scottish architect and urban planning pioneer Thomas Adams, the neighbourhood developed around the principles of the

Garden City Movement — a revolutionary urban movement that advocated amenities like greenbelts, parks and tree-lined boulevards. And because fires kindled by collapsing stoves and furnaces had been the source of so much of the destruction during the Halifax Explosion, the homes in the Hydrostone were made from a fireproof material a patented concrete building block faced with crushed granite, known by the brand name Hydrostone.

The Hydrostone neighbourhood began a new phase of innovation in 1993 when new owners acquired part of the



The Halifax Explosion Memorial Bell Tower is built in the shape of a bombed-out church. WILL MASON



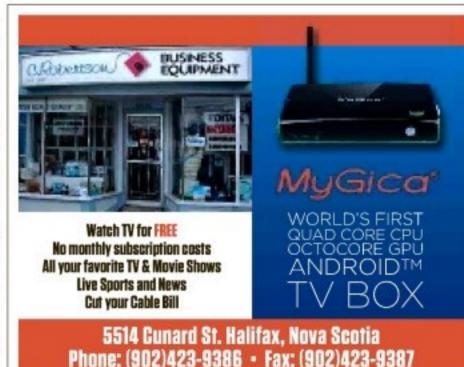
One-of-a-kind shops are thriving in The Hydrostone. WILL MASON

development that fronts on Young St. The developer meticulously restored the property while keeping much of its 1920s charm. The Hydrostone Market is now a popular shopping district with unique one-of-a-kind shops and businesses.

Today the Hydrostone district is a logo for the North End - a community within a community where unique shops, restaurants and businesses thrive; a quiet place where residents and visitors can escape the busy city for awhile without leaving the peninsula.

Its theme is a unique mix of European market chic and early North America suburban with shops that include fine restaurants, a bakery, day spa, art and craft galleries, unique gifts and antiques. Visitors can sample and buy fine olive oils and vinegars, order gourmet pizza, classic sushi or fine European cuisine, check out the work of local jewellers and fine craftspeople, find the perfect work of art or a unique furniture piece.

The historic district has not forgotten the terrible event that created it. A memorial to the Halifax explosion lies within its midst - the Halifax Explosion Memorial Bell Tower in Fort Needham Memorial Park, built in the shape of a bombedout church overlooking the spot in the harbour where the Mont Blanc's lethal cargo exploded.



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The Pemberton Ice Cap is the southernmost of five giant icefields in B.C. and a short helicopter ride from Whistler. HEADLINE MOUNTAIN HOLIDAYS PHOTOS

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Fantastical frozen shapes create scenery in glacial caves

Jennifer Allford

For Torstar News Service

We walk into the ice cave — fingers skimming the frozen wall, boots and hiking pole picking over boulders and a little river rushing alongside. Before we go too far into the cavern of blue, we pause, take off our gloves and turn on our headlamps.

We're walking underneath part of the Pemberton Icecap, the southernmost of five giant icefields in B.C., about 1,300 metres up and a 20-minute helicopter ride from Whistler.

The caves, tunnels really, are formed every year by water melting along the bed of the glacier. As we walk through the ice, drops of water fall on your face and little chunks of ice — just enough for a gin and tonic — bounce off your shoulder.

"I like to hang out in the blue," says Doug Washer with a grin as bright as the headlamp on his helmet. "It's my happy place."

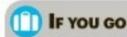
As head of Head-Line Mountain Holidays, Washer helps bring hundreds of visitors to the icecap every year to hike the caves, go snowmobiling or, in some cases, hold a wedding. We pick our way over the slippery rocks and Washer points out a moulin, a skylight in the tunnel that lets the sun stream in, showing off fantastical frozen shapes and about a million shades of blue in the ice. He warns us not to touch a giant sculpture of ice that descends from the top of the tunnel, technically an icicle, but he encourages us to get up close to the walls of the cave to see air bubbles and bits of sand trapped in the ice.

Washer has been leading backcountry tours for about 30 years and he clearly delights in showing the wonders waiting in the caves.

"I get more joy taking people on this trip than any other thing I've ever done," he says.

Eager to learn more about the ice, Washer is working with glaciologist Gwenn Flowers from Simon Fraser University to better understand how the icecap is changing.

"Ice itself flows, it turns over



Find out more

Head-Line Mountain
Holidays has a Heli Ice
Cave Explore package that
starts at \$1,395 per person,
based on four people. The
guided adventure starts
with a helicopter ride from
Whistler and takes about
four hours.

with time," Flowers says from her office in Vancouver. "The ice starts as snow and becomes incorporated into the glacier, flows through and eventually melts out somewhere else."

The ice cave we're in came from somewhere upstream and she estimates it's likely been around for decades, maybe centuries. We emerge from the cave and walk up through rocks artfully arranged by ice and time. We turn off our headlamps and head back to the helicopters that are parked on top of the ice caves.

Washer leads the way, probing the ice with a pole to ensure we aren't walking over a crevasse. We snake our way back single file, smelling the barbecue and, when we get there, we strip off a few layers to enjoy grilled skewers of meat and shrimp in the sun.

As we eat, Washer tells us about the worms that live in the ice and the upside-down necklace shape of the arches we walked through. "It's the strongest shape in the world," he says.

As we sit atop a retreating icecap, the talk turns, inevitably, to climate change.

"We are part of the problem

but I like to ask the question, 'How do I be part of the solution,'" says Washer of the research project with Flowers. "Literally, each and every time we are flying out here, we are photographing, we are measuring, we are assessing, we are recording what's going on," he

Engrossed in conversation, we don't notice the clouds coming in. But the pilots do. It's time to go.

As we take off, looking down at the deep lines of blue that run through the ice, we can't help but wonder about the rivers flowing, ice sculptures forming and worms that are moving underneath.

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Where to soak in Berlin's zeitgeist

Europe's haven for free spirits has been an expat destination for decades, a place where young artists, techies and intellectuals mix. Techno and Club-Mate caffeinated soft drinks aside, here are a few cool things to check out when visiting Berlin. GRACE LISA SCOTT/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Industrial wear

Nestled in an old-world courtyard in Kreuzberg, VooStore offers design-conscious fashion and oddities. A former locksmith shop, it maintains an industrial feel in an open, loft-like space. Higher-end labels, streetwear and shoes are artfully on display near gadgets, candles and a variety of literature. There's also an adjacent café, Companion Coffee, if you feel like soaking in the vibe a little longer.



Sipandstroll

The southwest neighbourhood of Neukolin, once predominately a borough inhabited by Arab, Turkish and African immigrants, has begun replacing neighbourhoods such as Kreuzberg as the destination for Berlin's young creatives. Cafés, campy bars and vintage stores mix with Turkish sweet shops. There's plenty of venues to check out, but why not grab a bottle of Augustiner for \$1.80 at a corner store and stroll down the picturesque canal.



Wanna be educated

One German man's obsession with some of the originators of punk led to the Ramones Museum in Berlin's Mitte neighbourhood. For €6 (\$8.75 Canadian) you can tour the memorabilia collected by Flo Hayler from the band's 30-year career. This place is a labour of love and fandom, full of gig flyers, set lists, and even a pair of Johnny Ramones' jeans. Price includes a beer and button.



Veggie garden

Kanaan is the joint creation of Palestinian chef Jalil Dabit and Israeli businessman Oz Ben David. Kanaan is, in their words, "Love served on a plate." And hummus lovers of the world rejoice: this vegetarian restaurant in Prenzlauer Berg really delivers deliciousness in the tradition of Dabit and David's native region. Fresh, organic and locally grown are the focuses here and seating is predominately outdoors in a cute garden patio.



Bathhouse turned boutique

Also in the urban borough of Prenzlauer Berg is this impressive building that had been the site of the Oderberger baths, a turn-of-the-century bathhouse that operated until 1986. After extensive renovations, the site reopened this year as the Hotel Oderberger Berlin. The rooms here are warm and spacious, featuring oak-plank flooring and the indoor swimming hall has been restored.



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Tigers getting their roar back

UNIVERSITY HOCKEY

Dalhousie's men's team looks to be on move upward

Adam Richardson For Metro | Halifax

A decade is a long time to spend in the basement. That's why the Dalhousie Tigers are feeling good about their current location in Atlantic University Sport men's hockey standings, right in the middle of the pack and fighting hard for early points to help secure a playoff run.

Dalhousie's stretch of tough results dates back long before any of the current players suited up in black and gold. Too often minnows in the ultra-competitive AUS conference, the Tigers have just one playoff appearance since 2003-04. The team registered 10



Goaltender Corbin Boes

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	Points
UNB	24
St. F.X.	20
Acadia	15
Dalhousie	13
UPEI	12
Saint Mary's	9
Moncton	7

or more wins once during that stretch.

Fortunately, the past doesn't matter much to third-year goal-tender Corbin Boes. The Saskatoon native admits he didn't know much about Dalhousie's history prior to his recruitment by head coach Chris Donnelly. Boes currently leads the league with a sparkling .938 save percentage and anchors a hard-working group looking to break into the AUS elite.

"I honestly didn't know much about Dalhousie at first, and I appreciated how (Donnelly) looked me in the eye and was honest about the team when I came here," said Boes, a first-team conference all-star last season. "We've worked hard to build this thing from a rough spot. I hope we're turning the corner for years to come, because we're sick of not making the playoffs."

The work ethic was there in



Dalhousie Tigers goaltender Corbin Boes during a practice on Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

previous campaigns, but the current roster is finally finding ways to claw points out of tough battles. The team holds a 5-5-3 record despite missing reigning AUS Rookie of the Year and top scorer Phil Gadoury due to injury. Boes is vital to that success, but Don-

nelly spreads praise around for a balanced group led in scoring by defenceman Myles McGurty.

"We're a gritty team and we come to work," said Donnelly. "I felt we did that last season, but weren't always rewarded. We put a real emphasis on getting points from games early in the season to keep the attitude positive and not be looking up at the rest of the league again. There's optimism, and we're starting to mature as a team."

The young Tigers should be boosted by Gadoury's second-half return, meaning even brighter days could be ahead. For now, they play a trio of important games at the Halifax Forum over the next week — against the Acadia Axemen (Friday), Saint Mary's Huskies (Saturday) and St. Francis Xavier X-Men (Wednesday).



Break weakens England's elite

PREMIER LEAGUE

Costly injuries for Mourinho, Wenger ahead of their face off

The final round of the international break fixtures in 2016 did no favours for managers of some of the English Premier League's title hopefuls. Jose Mourinho and Arsene Wenger, in particular, will vouch for that ahead of the renewal of their often-heated coaching rivalry.

When Mourinho's Manchester United and Wenger's Arsenal meet at Old Trafford on Saturday for the standout game in the 12th round of matches, there could be some major names missing because of injuries sustained on

The English Premier League has reportedly sold its TV rights in China for \$700 million in its biggestever overseas sale.

international duty.

United captain Wayne Rooney has caused a furor by being photographed, looking blearyeyed, alongside some guests at a wedding party taking place at the England team hotel on Saturday. But by then, he'd picked up a knee injury during England's 3-0 win over Scotland the night before, causing him to miss Tuesday's match against Spain, and Rooney is now doubtful for the Arsenal game.

It was the last thing Mourinho would have wanted, considering he is already without suspended striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic and centre backs Eric Bailly and Chris Smalling, as well as having serious doubts over the fitness of midfielder Marouane Fellaini and full backs Luke Shaw and Antonio Valencia.

Wenger, meanwhile, will ask Alexis Sanchez for an honest assessment of his fitness after Arsenal's star forward sustained a hamstring injury while away with Chile. Sanchez missed a draw against Colombia but returned for the 3-1 win over Uruguay on Tuesday, although his right leg was heavily braced.

Sanchez isn't due to return to Arsenal's training base until



Arsenal forward Alexis Sanchez scored a pair of goals in Chile's 3-1 win over Uruguay in World Cup qualifying in Santiago on Tuesday, MARCELO HERNANDEZ/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Friday and the match against United is a lunchtime kickoff on Saturday.

"What I will consider is the risk of injury because he played while recovering from a hamstring injury," Wenger said on Thursday. "I'll consider the way he feels as well. On that front you depend on the honesty of the player, how they feel and

how they recover."

Wenger will be careful about overloading Sanchez, who has scored eight goals for Arsenal this season. This time last year, Sanchez picked up a hamstring injury following a grueling run of back-to-back games for club and country and ended up missing the next two months, which was huge blow to Arsenal's title

Arsenal plays Paris Saint-Germain in a big Champions League game on Wednesday, too. Liverpool and Chelsea, the Premier League's top two, could also be short-handed.

Adam Lallana, one of Liverpool's quartet of sprightly forwards that has been in devastating form this season, hobbled off C FIXTURE LIST

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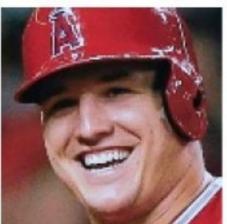
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during England's game against Spain and is a doubt for the leaders' trip to Southampton.

As for second-place Chelsea, Diego Costa was ruled out of both of Spain's games during the break because of groin injury and Eden Hazard limped off during Belgium's 8-1 win over Estonia with an apparent calf injury. It isn't yet clear if either Costa or Hazard — the scorers of 15 league goals between them —will be fit for the Chelsea's match at Middlesbrough.

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Cubs' Kris Bryant, left and Angels' Mike Trout GETTY IMAGES

Bryant and Trout earn MVP honours

Chicago Cubs slugger Kris Bryant has been voted NL MVP, and Los Angeles Angels centre-fielder Mike Trout is the AL winner for the second time in three years.

Bryant hit .292 with 39 homers and 102 RBIs in just his second year in the majors, helping the Cubs to their first World Series title since 1908. He becomes just the sixth player to win rookie of the year and MVP in one or consecutive seasons.

Bryant received 29 first-place votes, and Washington second baseman Daniel Murphy was the runner-up.

While the Angels finished fourth in the AL West, Trout was his usual brilliant self. He batted .315 with 29 homers, 100 RBIs and 30 steals. He scored 17 per cent of Los Angeles' runs, the

Number of home runs the two MVPs hit between them this season. Trout had 29 with Bryant hitting 39.

highest percentage for an AL player since Rickey Henderson with the 1985 New York Yankees.

Trout received 19 of 30 firstplace votes. Boston right-fielder Mookie Betts was second.

AL batting champion Jose Altuve of Houston was third, and Toronto's Josh Donaldson, who won the award in 2015, placed fourth. Edwin Encarnacion was 14th. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Van der Merwe to captain Canada against Romania

Winger DTH van der Merwe will captain Canada for the first time in Saturday's rugby test match against Romania in Bucharest.

He takes over from No. 8 Aaron Carpenter, who broke his arm in Canada's 52-21 loss to fifth-ranked Ireland last Saturday in Dublin. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Reports say Gerrard is headed into management

Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard could be heading for his first managerial job.

British media reports say English third-tier side Milton Keynes Dons has held talks with former England captain Gerrard over its managerial Vacancy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rookies lead Aussie Open

Former top-ranked American Jordan Spieth yielded the spotlight in Thursday's first round of the Australian Open to a pair of rising local stars: U.S. amateur champion Curtis Luck and rookie professional Lucas Herbert.

Herbert and Luck both shot 5-under 67 to lead the tournament by a shot. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Johnson, McGregor top UFC ranks

Irish MMA phenom Conor Mc-Gregor, who added the UFC lightweight title to his featherweight championship on the weekend, has moved up to No. 2 in the UFC's pound-for-pound rankings.

McGregor, who trails only flyweight title-holder Demetrious (Mighty Mouse) Johnson in the



Conor McGregor **GETTY IMAGES**

rankings, jumped two spots in voting by a media panel. In moving up, he knocked

bantamweight champion Dominick Cruz and lightheavyweight titleholder Daniel Cormier to No. 3 and 4, respectively. McGregor (21-3-0) defeated Eddie Alvarez at UFC 205 to become the first double title holder in two weight divisions. Strawweight champion Joanna Jedrzejczyk is the highest ranked woman in seventh. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Byron finds happiness in new habitat

NHL

Habs forward moving past Calgary thanks to goal binge

Paul Byron is too busy scoring goals for the Montreal Canadiens to wonder what may have been had the Calgary Flames never put him on waivers.

The speedy five-foot-eight, 160-pound winger, who was claimed from Calgary a day ahead of the 2015-16 season, has been the Canadiens' hottest scorer of late with four goals in his last five game

"It's just confidence and a great summer," Byron said. "I had a strong summer here working out and skating and it's translated into my game on the ice.

"And having come here last season, there's no adjustment to a new system or getting comfortable with new guys. So it was a good fit for me."

Byron had a career high 11 goals in his first campaign in Montreal and already has six goals and five assists in 17 games this season, helping the Canadiens to a 13-2-2 record.

It has helped that, after starting the season on the third line, he has been on the top line



Paul Byron is thriving in a top-line role in Montreal. GETTY IMAGES

with centre Alex Galchenyuk, the team scoring leader with 18 points, in the last four games.

What coach Michel Therrien likes best about Byron is his versatility. The Ottawa native does not look out of place on a scoring line or a checking unit, and he also kills penalties.

"He's just playing his game and he's getting rewarded for his hard work," said Therrien. "It's easy to say he's got speed but it's more than that.

"He competes. He fights for his space in front of the net and that's how he gets his goals."

Bob Hartley, Calgary's coach at the time, felt much the same, but circumstances intervened. The Flames felt they had depth at forward and were concerned about the run of injuries Byron sustained in 2014-15, including wrist and sports hernia surgeries.

Montreal had just lost forward Zack Kassian after an off-ice incident and grabbed Byron and his attractive contract, which called for a \$900,000 cap hit for one season. He inked a new threeyear deal with a \$1.166 million annual hit in February.

Byron played 130 games for Calgary over four seasons. He has no hard feelings for the Flames.

"You could think like that, but I just think about how positive it's been here in Montreal," he said. "Who knows what could have happened in Calgary?

"As soon as I got here my focus was on doing well here. For me and my family the adjustment and settling in has been incredible. The comfort level we have here we might not have had out west. Maybe they regret the decision and maybe they don't, but to me it was one of the best things that ever happened."

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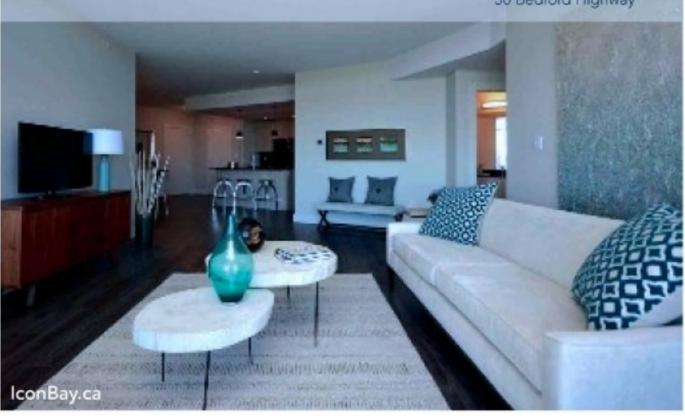
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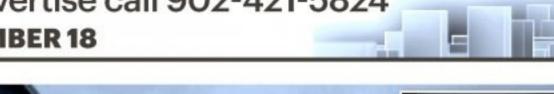
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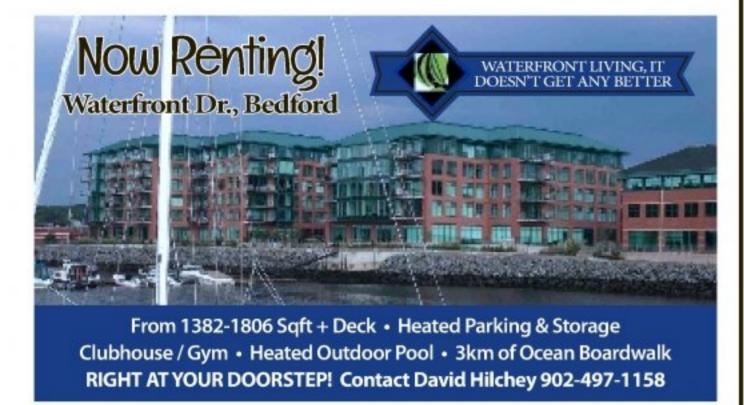
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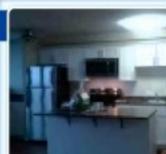
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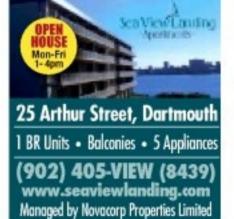
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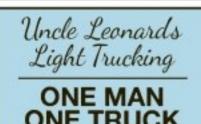


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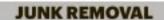




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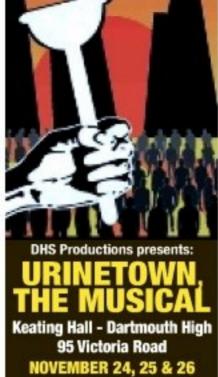


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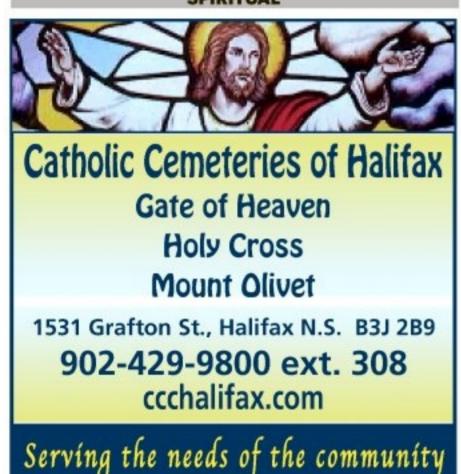
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volente 9. Acting honour 10. Historic town in eastern New Brunswick located on the river sharing its name 11. "I give up on this riddle already!": 4 wds. 12. 'Egg'-meaning prefix 13. Reno, __. 21. 'Dum spiro, = While I breathe, I hope' 22. Twisted ankle injury 26. Feudal labourer 27. British WWII submachine gun 29. Wasn't taken in by the hoax: 2 wds. 31. "Yikes!" 34. German playwright Bertolt 37. Mr. Epps 38. Ms. Ephron 39. Roman myth. household deity 40. "Ain't Too Proud " by The Temptations 46. "Ocean's _ " (2001)48, Three-horsed Russian carriage 49. Mr. Claus' 51. Also: French 53. One of Thalia's mythological sisters 57. One being conned 58, '60s hallucinogen 59. _ out a living 60. Ms. Peeples

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20 Be careful not to fall for smarmy rhetoric or fast-talking words that sell you an idea. Today, discussions about religion, politics and racial matters are deceptive. Think for yourself.

Taurus April 21 - May 21 This is a poor day for important financial decisions, especially about inheritances and shared property. That's because your thinking is hazy.

Gemini May 22 - June 21 Discussions with others might be confusing. Be very clear in everything you have to say today. Likewise, make sure you understand others.

Cancer June 22 - July 23 Someone might appeal to your sense of sympathy at work today. Perhaps this is genuine; perhaps it is not. It's good to be helpful - on the other hand, don't be conned.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23 You might be disappointed by romance today. Or a social occasion might leave you wanting more. Perhaps you expected something different? Unexpressed expectations almost always lead to disappointment.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23 Family discussions are confusing today; be aware of this. Listen to others but wait until tomorrow to agree to anything important.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23 Be careful when doing home repairs today because you might not have all the facts. Something will confuse you. It is better to postpone acting until tomorrow, which is a clear day (mentally speaking).

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22 This is not a good day for important financial decisions, because you might be deceived or you might have incorrect information. Furthermore, wishing doesn't make it so.

✓ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21 Today it's as if you have Vaseline on your lens. You might see someone or something as being better than it is - or even worse than it is. It's hard to say.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20 Secrets might come out today. If so, don't be quick to believe them. Don't believe everything you hear. Test the facts for yourself.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19 Today a friend might try to convince you of something or you might feel pressured by a group. In either case, do not respond. Wait until tomorrow so you'll know what's really happening.

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Feb. 20 - March 20 Conversations with authority figures are confusing today, which is why you should not act on an important decision. Make sure you know what you need to know.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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